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# Helicopters Take Aides To Meet Ike

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Security Council  
Holds Session at  
Camp David; Gusts  
Make Flight Rough

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Operation Banana was successfully carried out today as 20 top Government officials were flown to Camp David for a National Security Council meeting presided over by President Eisenhower.

Four Cabinet members, heads of half a dozen independent agencies and other Presidential aides were flown the 60 miles from Washington in three "Flying Banana" Air Force helicopters. Vice President Richard M. Nixon came in a smaller Sikorsky helicopter.

They landed in a stiff wind on a muddy clearing atop an 1800-foot mountain close by Camp David, five miles west of here in Catoctin Mountain Park. White House limousines carried them the quarter mile to the collection of rough board cottages on the eastern side of the mountain which comprises the Presidential retreat.

## Trip Is Rough One

The helicopters came in within a few minutes of each other about 2:30 p. m. President Eisenhower had driven down from Gettysburg at 2:30 p. m. with Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Air Force officers at the landing field estimated wind gusts at from 25 to 50 miles an hour. The helicopters got down all right, but a few of their passengers got out looking as if they would have preferred some other means of travel.

Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary who came in one of the "Flying Bananas" said the trip "got a little turbulent when we hit the mountains."

But Nixon said his ride in the Sikorsky was no rougher than the one in the big transport that had flown him to Washington from West Palm Beach this morning.

As the meeting was held here, this is the way to do it," he said.

## Briefing Drowned Out

Nixon's only problem was that he couldn't hear the NSC briefing he was getting on the way up from Dillon Anderson, the President's special assistant on NSC matters. The 'copter made so much noise Nixon said he gave up and read the briefing.

The secret meeting on subjects bearing on the Nation's security was held in Laurel Lodge, VIP dining room, where mess tables were pulled together and covered with green felt to serve as a conference table.

The National Security Council members are the President, Nixon, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and the director of the Office of Defense Mobilization Arthur S. Fleming.

Others who attended today, as they often do at the weekly NSC meetings in Washington, included:

Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, Budget Director Rowland Hughes, John Hollister, head of the International Cooperation Administration; Theodore C. Strelbert, head of the U. S. Information Agency; Joseph M. Dodge, special assistant to the President on foreign economic matters; Harold Stassen, the President's assistant on disarmament; Nelson Rockefeller, presidential assistant on psychological strategy; Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President; Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., Robert R. Bowie, director of the State Department's policy planning staff; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the NSC secretariat.

The President entertained the Cabinet members at dinner in the White House. John Foster Dulles, Humphrey and Wilson.

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